ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that oil and petroleum products are being imported from U.A.E. ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the terms and conditions of the import of such items ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) During 1993-94, Indian Oil Corporation has a term contract with ADNOC (Abu Dhabi National Oil Company) of UAE for import of 2 MMT of Upper Zakum crude oil at their official selling prices. IOC has also purchased some quantities of HSD and SKO from the spot market from the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company.

L. P. G. Connections in Hilly Areas

2956. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the entire waiting list for LPG connection in hilly areas above 4500 ft. altitude has been fully liquidated;

(b) if so, what is the number of connections which were required to be released; and

(c) how many cases of Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh came in this category ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) There was a waiting list for 74,000 connections, as on 1-4-1991 in the hilly areas at an altitude of 4500 ft. and bove.

(c) There are no such locations in Andhra Pradesh and in Maharashtra.

Milestones to be Achieved by O. C. C.

2957. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what are specific milestones which the Oil Coordination Committee has identified to be achieved by the industry;

(b) what is the mechanism by which progress on each milestone is being reviewed; and

(c) what are the target dates which the OCC has set regarding commissioning/augmentation of new bottling capacity etc. ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The Oil Coordination Committee does not set targets for the oil industry, but assists the Ministry in monitoring the various parameters of performance of the oil industry.

Sanction of Site for the Production of Petroleum and Natural Gas

2958. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) how many companies have applied for sanction of sites for the production of petroleum and natural gas;

(b) which are the companies that have applied for the above purpose; and

(c) which are the sites sanctioned for the private companies for petroleum and natural gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) 33 companies have submitted their bids for the development of medium sized fields and 23 companies for the development of small sized fields.

(b) The list of the companies which have submitted bids in response to the offer by the Government of India is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Negotiations with the bidders are in progress.

Statement

Sanction of Site for the Production of Petroleum and Natural Gas

MEDIUM-SIZED FIELDS

Foreign Companies

1. Vaalco Energy Inc., U.S.A.
2. Hyundai Heavy Industries Co. Ltd., South Korea.
3. BHP Petroleum (India) Inc., Australia.